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1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE SPOKE WITH

SAID THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN ALLOWING
AMERICAN PLASTIC SURGEONS TO OPERATE IN ICRC FACILITIES HERE.
THEY ADVISED AGAINST TRANSPORTING DISFIGURED WAR-WOUNDED,
PARTICULARLY CHILDREN, TO THE WEST FOR TREATMENT, HOWEVER.

3. THINKS GOP WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH AMERICAN PHYSICIANS
WORKING HERE IF THEY CAME UNDER ICRC COVER. (WE AGREE) THAT
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COULD BE ARRANGED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC) WHO
COULD SECURE THE PHYSICIANS TO ICRC. 'ID NOT KNOW HOW FAR
ICRC GENEVA WOULD BE WILLING TO GO IN PURCHASING SPECIALIZED
EQUIPMENT. ICRC GENEVA COULD CERTAINLY FACILITATE ITS TRANSPORT,
HOWEVER. HE SAID THAT WHILE THE ICRC HOSPITAL MUST HANDLE
EMERGENCY CASES FIRST, THEY HAVE ADEQUATE ROOM AND TIME FOR
RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY IN THE SLOWER WINTER MONTHS (DECEMBER-
MARCH).

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4. WAS NOT SURE THE DEMAND FOR RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY WOULD JUSTIFY BRINGING SPECIALISTS HERE FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD. (HE KNEW OF ONLY THREE CASES WHICH REQUIRED EXTENSIVE RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY.) HOWEVER, HE TOLD US IT WAS LIKELY THAT MORE SUCH CASES WOULD BE REFERRED TO ICRC IF SPECIALIZED CARE WAS AVAILABLE.

5. STRONGLY ADVISED AGAINST SENDING PATIENTS TO THE U.S. FOR RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY. IT HAS BEEN ICRC'S EXPERIENCE THAT PATIENTS SENT TO THE WEST FOR SPECIALIZED CARE TEND TO EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT CULTURE SHOCK--UPON ENTERING THE WEST AND THEN RETURNING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. THIS PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA WOULD BE PARTICULARLY ACUTE FOR AFGHAN CHILDREN WHO IN MANY CASES WOULD HAVE TO RETURN TO REFUGEE CAMPS HERE. ARCHARD UNOTE SPIERS

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